

Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) rose to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege. The Member explained his actions with respect to an alleged altercation towards the Member for Bellevue (Mr. Barrett) after the House of Assembly adjourned on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The Speaker took the matter under advertisement.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) rose to establish a *prima facie* case of privilege relating to a matter of privilege she had raised on May 17<sup>th</sup> in relation to a press release issued by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Shelley). The Member asked the Minister to apologize for the statements made in the press release.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Edward Byrne) spoke to the issue admitting that there were errors in the budgetary documents released to the Opposition. The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) argued that the privileges of the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair were violated, that her reputation was besmirched and that she should receive an apology from the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. Whereupon the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (Mr. Shelley) rose to apologize to the Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair.

The Member for Grand Bank (Ms. Foote) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Steven King of Grand Bank who presently works as a Petroleum Engineer in Red Deer, Alberta and who shattered the provincial power lifting record in the 100 kilogram junior division in the Province of Alberta.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate the Town of New-Wes-Valley for engaging in discussion to develop a Twin Town connection with Nanortalik in Greenland.

The Honourable the Minister of Environment and Conservation (Mr. Tom Osborne) made a Statement to announce changes to the Air Pollution Control Regulations which will help reduce air pollution and improve air quality in the Province.

After Oral Questions, the Speaker noted that the word *bribe* used by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Grimes) may be unparliamentary. The Speaker agreed to take the matter under advisement by listening to the tapes and reviewing Hansard.

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The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) gave notice that the Resolution standing in the name of the Member for Burgeo & LaPoile (Mr. Parsons) would be debated on Private Members' Day on Wednesday.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District asking the government to amend the policy immediately so that all residents of Labrador West can avail of the same medical services at the same cost as any other resident living in Labrador in order to travel to Goose Bay for medical services.

The Member for Twillingate & Fogo (Mr. Reid) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District in Fogo opposing the proposed ferry rate increase and requesting the ferry rates be frozen and that the Government consider reducing these rates in the future.

The Member for Carbonear-Harbour Grace (Mr. Sweeney) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of his District urging the Avalon West School Board to reverse the decision by that Board to close St. Joseph's School and to reverse the decision to bus students to Harbour Grace and commit funds to construct a new school in Carbonear.

The Member for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of Southern Labrador and travellers generally to the region requesting access to the most effective mode of transportation between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Cartwright through an increased number of trips of the Sir Robert Bond during the 2004 operating season.

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) moved pursuant to Standing Order 11 that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and not adjourn at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker put the question on the motions that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock in the evening.

The Speaker declared the motions carried.

Pursuant to order and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the Chair of the Committee of the Whole on Supply.

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The Committee of Supply considered and passed the Estimates of the **Executive Council** and the **Consolidated Fund Services** Heads of Expenditure without amendment.

The Committee recessed for the dinner break at 5:35 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chair of the Committee (Mr. Fitzgerald) resumed the Chair at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Mr. Byrne) the Committee of the Whole House considered and passed the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 (Bill No. 7).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply (Mr. Fitzgerald) reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the matters to it referred, had passed the Heads of Expenditure of the **Executive Council** and **Consolidated Fund Services**, without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House on Supply was received and adopted.

The Chair of the Committee of the Whole House (Mr. Fitzgerald) also reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to it referred and had passed a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000" (Bill No. 7) without amendment and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the report of the Committee of the Whole House was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 (Bill No. 7) was read a third time and passed. On motion it was ordered that Bill No. 7 be printed being entitled as above and that it be submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for His Assent.

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Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Mineral Act (Bill No. 22) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Mineral Act (Bill No. 22) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 22 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (Bill No. 21) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act (Bill No. 21) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 21 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2 (Bill No. 20) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act, 2000 No. 2 (Bill No. 20) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 20 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act (Bill No. 23) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act (Bill No. 23) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 23 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled, An Act To Create A Pension Plan For Provincial Court Judges (Bill No. 24) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled, An Act To Create A Pension Plan For Provincial Court Judges (Bill No. 24) was read a second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 24 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

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It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly at 9:00 o'clock in the evening.

**A. John Noel, Q.C.,**  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.